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A True Cinema Experience

TOSHIBA Satellite U840W

Introducing the world's first* notebook PC with an ultra-wide 21:9 cinematic display

Are you one of those people who don't watch movies on a computer? That could change, once you set eyes on Toshiba's newest Ultrabook™.

The Satellite U840W is the world's first notebook PC to feature a screen with a 21:9 aspect ratio – a 14.4-inch ultra-wide cinematic display perfect for viewing Hollywood blockbusters the way the directors intended.

You'll immediately notice how the image fills the whole screen. Because the display matches the 21:9 format of many big-budget movies, there are no black bars at the top or bottom: every pixel is devoted to your viewing pleasure. And just for the record, while you can fill a standard 16:9 display by zooming, cropping or otherwise distorting a 21:9 movie, it's no match for the stunning cinematic widescreen experience that the Satellite U840W delivers.

New Direction

One of the world's leading manufacturers of notebook computers, Toshiba has taken the fledgling Ultrabook™ category of thin and light PCs in a new direction. Even before you flip open the top, you can tell this is something original for a notebook. Wide but narrow from front to back, the Satellite U840W's design emphasizes its stand-out-from-the-crowd dimensions. The two-tone casing with soft touch trim, stylish in its own right, accentuates the sense of width.

While conceived as an entertainment model – and the superlative sound quality of the harman/kardon® speakers only serves to underscore this point – the Satellite U840W is much more than that. The 21:9 screen opens up a new world of functionality in a notebook and Toshiba's engineers have been quick to make the most of the possibilities.

The Satellite U840W comes with Toshiba's original Split Screen Utility for partitioning the display. If you want to have Excel, PowerPoint, Word and your Internet browser open and visible at the same time, you can. Split Screen helps you avoid losing track of the various applications you have running and makes it much easier to move between them.

Or maybe you want to configure the display to include a couple of windows so you can keep an eye on Twitter and Facebook updates. Split Screen allows up to nine separate windows to be open and visible simultaneously. Multitasking has never been this easy. All of which is to say, this is more than just a widescreen to make you feel like you're at the movies; it's designed to give you a notebook experience such as you've never had before.

Thin, Light, Fast

As an Ultrabook™, the Satellite U840W ticks all the right boxes when it comes to thinness, lightness, fast boot time and long battery life. And being a Toshiba machine, it doesn't compromise on connectivity. It features all the interfaces found in Toshiba's first-generation Ultrabook™, except an RGB cable port.

When it comes to detail, in fact, Toshiba has gone the extra mile on the Satellite U840W. For the first time it has made use of CNC (computer numerical control) machining to give a killer finish to the aluminum chassis. Attention to quality extends to the base, too: the notebook's feet have been given a design makeover, while the usual sticker with the product information has made way for a laser-engraved plate.

With entertainment in mind, the chic Satellite U840W is available with the option of a 500GB hard disk. That's space enough to store a library of your favorite movies and a whole lot more too.

Bring on the popcorn.

*For commercially available notebook PCs, based on Toshiba research as of June 2012.

Seeing Is Believing

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I've worked on a lot of Toshiba PCs, but never one like this. From the get-go, we wanted to make something that would stop consumers in their tracks. I think when they walk into a store and see the Satellite U840W, they're going to be amazed.

It's an Ultrabook™, but it's completely different from anything that's gone before. That was the challenge we set for ourselves: to create something that fits in the category but is also entirely new. Our solution was to put more emphasis on entertainment, and so we opted for the 21:9 aspect ratio.

The film industry has been making movies in this format for half a century, but the first 21:9 screen TV only came out in 2009. We're the first computer manufacturer to go this route, so it's a great opportunity for Toshiba to lead the way.

I've been asked many times what's so special about 21:9. Well, movies look great, for a start. But more than that is usability. I think when people try the Satellite U840W they will find there are many ways it can be used very efficiently. Once they appreciate the merits of partitioning the screen, they may find it hard to go back to another model.

What has been very encouraging for us is how well the Satellite U840W has been received by our key business partners from the moment they saw the mockup. For example, the next version of the Microsoft operating system, Windows® 8, employs a new tile-based Start screen. Our 21:9 format is great for this, as it leaves room to spare for users to add their favorite tiles. People who have seen it all say the same thing: "It's a perfect match!"

Satellite U840W Product Information

- Genuine Windows® 7 Home Premium
- 3rd generation Intel® Core™ processors
- 14.4-inch Ultra Wide 21:9 Cinematic Display
- harman/kardon® speakers with SRS Premium Sound 3D™
- Choice of 256GB Solid State Drive or 500GB Hard Drive with 32GB Flash Memory*
- Up to 10GB DDR3 memory*
- Stylish Machined Aluminum Casing with Soft Touch Trim
- LED Backlit Keyboard*
- 1.3Mpixel camera*
- Bluetooth® 4.0,WLAN(802.11b/g/n)*
- 3x USB 3.0 ports(1x with Sleep-and-Charge)
- 1x HDMI™ port, Ethernet port and Memory card slot
- Toshiba Sleep and Music
- Toshiba Hi-Speed Start Technology

*Configurations may vary by region.

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